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# NO NEWS FROM WHITE

Ominous Silence Regarding British Army at Ladysmith.

# MANY RUMORS AFLOAT IN LONDON

Signal Victories Reported for Both Boers and British.

WAR OFFICE'S STATEMENT

LONDON November 3.- The war office this afternoon, replying to inquiries, said where, and, it was added, the officials were was intact or not.

Belated dispatches from the British camp at Ladysmith, Natal, add little information regarding Monday's fight, except the estimates of the Boer losses, which are now said to be ninety-five killed and 200 wounded, mostly victims of the artillery shells, which have wrought such great havoc that it is said General Joubert, the Boer commander-in-chief, has written a letter to General White, the British commander, protesting against the use of lyddire. According to all acounts, the presence at Ladysmith of the long-range naval guns and the splendid shooting of the blue-jackets have materially improved the posijackets have materially improved the position of the British. A temporary armistice was declared Monday evening to allow of the collection of the dead and wounded.

#### Situation at Kimberley.

A dispatch from Kimberley, dated October 29, said all the wounded were doing Small bodies of Boers, about 400 strong, were then frequently seen. They apparently came from Mafeking, for the purpose either of assisting in the attack on Kimberley or to resist the advance of reinforcements. The absence of water outside the place causes the Boers to continually move their camps.

While the wires to Ladysmith are cut, the optimism of the war office officials vesterday evening in refusing to believe that Ladysmith was completely invested or that Colenso was captured appears to be justifled, as this morning it was asserted that the railroad is still open, though traffic has been conducted with the greatest caution What, however, was only a rumor yesterday evening may, it is claimed, be reality at any moment, as General Joubert, with a large and wonderfully mobile force, is expected to detach a force of several thousand men and make a dash at the rail-

## Rumors of All Kinds Afloat.

Rumors of all kinds are springing up here. It is even asserted that General White has been compelled to fall back on Pletermaritzburg, leaving his wounded behind. Probably such rumors have their origin in the recollection of the ominous flence which preceded the evacuation of Sundee. But, on the other hand, it is asthe British guns now seem more than equal to the artillery of the Boers, thus enhancing the difficulty of any assault on the British

of the Boers by the British yesterday. While there is a habit here to assume that news of the Boer victories emanating from the continent cannot be true, because of the censorship, the fact is forgotten that foreign governments are fully privileged to send and receive cipher messages to and

from their representatives in South Africa. The list of casualties among the non commissioned officers and men at Farquhar's Farm shows the Gloucesters lost thirty killed and fifty-three wounded, the Fusiliers, ten killed and forty-one wounded, and the 10th Mountain Battery, two wounded before they surrendered. captured, who are given under the head of missing, are divided as follows: Gloucesters, 19 officers and 330 men; 10th Mountain Battery, 5 officers and 84 men; Fusiliers, not yet reported.

As a matter of fact, the rumors of the capture of the Hussars, the occupation of Dundee and the disaster of Monday came first from Berlin, from which city also came the first news of the Jameson raid. So tidings of any British reverses are as likely to come from there as from anywhere. Gen. White's position is acknowledged to be so precarious that the landing of a big naval brigade to go to his assist-

#### ORDER TO MOBILIZE MILITIA. British War Office Calls for Thirty-Five Battallons.

LONDON, November 3.-An army order issued this evening instructs the proper authorities to mobilize thirty-five battalions of militia at their respective headquarters on various dates after November 20.

PLYMOUTH, England, November 3 .-Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford has accepted the post of second in command of the British Mediterranean squadron in succession to Rear Admiral Str Gerard Henry Noel, whose time expires in January next. Lord Beresford has already selected his

# Painter Named Girard Wanted.

J. J. Hiner, who keeps a general merchandise store at McDowell, Va., is anxious to ascertain the whereabouts of a painter named Girard. In a letter to Major Sylvester he says A. M. Girard died suddenly at McDowell the 8th of last month. and he wants the dead man's brother to

Mr. Hiner says he frequently heard the sed speak of his brother, and his im-Girard. The man was employed on some of the fine paint work in the Capitol, Mr. Hi-ner says. The police have been unable to locate the brother and no such name appears in the city directory.

Asks for Accounting. Marie H. Slebert, through Attorneys Willlam Birney and W. E. Lester, this afternoon filed suft against Washington Danenhower. She asks that the latter be required by the court to account to her for certain funds alleged to have been placed in his hands to invest for her.

Charles M. Newman, a milk dealer in the northwest section of the city, who was ar- store, and by 1 o'clock every business health office on the charge of violating the milk regulations, was today fined \$5 by Judge Kimball. The fine was paid. Mr. Howe testified that Mr. Newman had his name and the number of permit paint-ed on his wagon, but not the place from which the milk was brought, as required

Leaves With Farty Today for Atlanta and Other Points.

He is Accompanied by Mrs. Schley-Receptions and Other Social Functions Planned.

Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley of he United States navy left Washington at 11:15 o'clock this morning over the Southern railway for Atlanta, Ga., where he will tomorrow and Sunday be the guest of the gate city and the state of Georgia. It will be Admiral Schley's first trip into the far south since the notable victory at Santiago, and receptions, entertainments and banquets innumerable have been planned in his honor. While away Admiral Schley will no information had been received there of also visit Birmingham, Ala.; Chattanooga, fresh Boer movements at Colenso or else- Tenn., and may possibly stop over for a few hours at several of the other larger not aware if the railroad to Ladysmith cities. He had planned the trip south in acceptance of many invitations from warm and personal friends in the land of Dixie. His welcome, however, will be an official one of state and city in every instance, and his stay, especially in Atlanta, will be an

station to see that the journey was auspiciously begun.

#### The Receiving Party.

The admiral and party will be met at Danville. Va., this evening by a committee of distinguished Atlantians, including Mayor Woodward, H. H. Cabaniss, C. A. Collier, H. L. Schlesinger, G. W. Parrott, W. A. Hemphill, J. S. Parks, J. W. Poke, W. B. Roberts, E. P. Black, E. P. Burns and J. E. Schofield, Admiral Schley will arrive in Atlanta tomorrow morning and remain there until early Monday morning, when his party will proceed to Birmingham, Ala., reaching that city shortly before noon. At Birmingham a reception and nu-merous functions, similar in character to those of Atlanta, have been arranged. Remaining in the Alabama city until Wednesday morning, the party will then proceed to Chattanooga, Tenn., and, after a short stay of a few hours there, will begin the return journey, over the division of the Southern railway leading through Knoxville and Bristol, Tenn., and Lynchburg, Va., the present schedule calling for an arrival in Washington at 7:40 o'clock Thursday morn-

#### Believes in Churches. Admiral Schley will attend church in At-

inta Sunday morning. "I always make it a rule," he said to a party of friends at the station this mornng, "to attend some form of church servtee on Sunday, no matter where I may be. whether at home, in foreign lands or on shipboard." Admiral Schley has himself read passages from the Scriptures to his crew when there was no chaplain aboard

ship.
"As a naval officer of a moral country," In the men under my command, and to let every one know, foreigners especially, that the country I represent is one whose p universally acknowledge allegiance to the

Mr. S. H. Hardwick, assistant general passenger agent of the Couthern railway, with headquarters in Atlanta, who has been attending a meeting in this city for the arrangement of schedules, was also a passenger on this morning's southbound

#### WILL SAIL ON THE GEN. THOMAS. The 47th Infantry Reaches Jersey City Today.

NEW YORK, November 3.-The 47th United States Infantry, from Camp Meade arrived in Jersey City over the New Jersey Central railroad in four section trains. There were 1,380 men, under command of Col. Walter Rowe. The men, who were all in good condition, had breakfast in the cars and were then conveved by a New Jersey Central railroad ferryboat to the transport General Thomas, at Brooklyn, which will convey the troops to Manila. Fifty-three men of the United States hospital corps also arrived from Washington to go to Manila on the same transport. The spital corps was under Steward Joseph Walters.

#### HAT AND POCKET BOOK FOUND. No Doubt Now That Frederick Hardy Was Murdered.

NEW YORK, November 3 .- Additiona proof that Frederick Hardy, jr., the young art student from Tennessee, was murdered on the shore drive near Fort Hamilton. Brooklyn, came to light today. The day after Hardy was last seen, or October 23, a carpenter found on the slope leading from the shore drive to the waters of the Narrows, an Alpine hat and pocket book, which were Hardy's. The pocket book was empty except for some photographs of relatives of the young man. No importance was attached to the finding of the articles until the discovery of Hardy's corpse in the water at Keyport, N. J., when the hat and pocket book were taken to the police sta-The friends of the murdered man dentified them.

The body found in the bay at Keyport, N. J., Wednesday evening was that of Frederick Hardy, jr., of Mount Pleasant, Tenn The young man, who was twenty-one years of age, was murdered and an attempt made or age, was murdered and an attempt made to conceal the crime by sinking the corpse in the bay by means of a large stone attached to the body by a rope. The accumulation of gases in the body caused it to rise to the surface and the finding of it by oystermen followed. The pockets of the young man's clothing were turned inside out and his money and watch were gone. There were evidences that Hardy had been beaten on the head until dead or unconscious. Hardy, who came to New York to take up the study of art, was last seen silve Sunday control of the conscious. alive Sunday evening. October 22, when he left the home of E. C. Moxham, an old friend of the family living in the Fort Hamilton section of Brooklyn, for his boarding place near by. He could not have had more than \$30 with him. The doctors who made an autopsy found a bad bruise on the left stde of the boads to the left. on the left side of the head at the temple. The examination of the brain when the cap was removed showed that the blow had

# been delivered with great force. It had caused concussion of the brain. FIRE AT THOMASVILLE, GA.

Only One Building Left Standing in the Town. THOMASVILLE, Ga., November 3.-A disastrous fire started at 11 o'clock last night in the office of N. B. Boyle's large

rested by Inspector George Howe of the house in town, except H. Morningstar & Co. and J. P. Turner & Sons, was burned. Very few goods were saved from any of the buildings, as the fire under the impetus of a high northwest wind spread with fearful rapidity.

Six hundred bales of cotton in the public warehouse were burned with little insurance on it.

# ADMIRAL SCHLEY'S TRIP PREDICTS TAYLOR'S SUCCESS | REBELS DRIVEN OUT

Solicitor Thomas Says That Kentucky is Republican by 20,000.

Says There is No Doubt of a Handsome Republican Majority.

Judge George M. Thomas, the solicitor of internal revenue, may properly be described as the nestor of the republican party in Kentucky. He was one of four members of the Kentucky legislature of 1861 who voted in favor of coercion. He has ever since been a leading republican, six years a circuit judge, afterward commonwealth attorney and representative in Congress, and has attended most of the national conventions of his party. Representative Samuel J. Pugh of the ninth Kentucky district is his son-in-law. Solicitor Thomas is naturally much interested in this year's contest in Kentucky, and explains the situation there to a representative of The Star as

follows:

"There can be no doubt that Kentucky will give Taylor, our candidate for gover-nor, a handsome majority-not less than 20,000. This the Goebelites realize. They 20,000. This the Goebelites realize. They hope, however, to count themselves in; that is the only question that remains unsettled. I have no fears as to how the people will vote. I only fear the way some of them may count. We learn that the democratic mayor of Louisville is going to have a learn that the democratic mayor of the country of the state of the country of the state of the country of mayor of Louisville is going to have a large number of extra pollecmen sworn in for service on election day. There can be no good motive for this. They know this city will give a large republican majority, which, if they could keep out of the count, might save the state for them. McKinley carried the city by 12,000, and I predict that Taylor will carry it by 15,000. An 'Honest Mans League' has been organized there to secure a fair vote, but whether it will overcome the plotting of the democrats remains to be seen. In the country districts I think the vote will be fairly counted. Up in my part of the state, which is an agricultural section, I know everybody, and the democratic supervisors are all pretty fair men. There will be an honest count there, and the negroes will be allowed to vote in nearly all parts of the allowed to vote in nearly all parts of the

Negroes Will Stand by the Party. "Speaking of the negroes, Goebel has bought up a few of them whom he has paraded around the state in his behalf. But this will not amount to anything. The negro vote will be republican, as it always

is. We have a separate coach law on the statute books which the democrats enact-

ed, and Goebel is in favor of its remaining there. Taylor has announced himself as in favor of its repeal.

"The senatorship is in doubt. The republicans cannot carry the legislature on joint ballot. The most they can hope to do is, by combining with the Lindsay democrats, to combining with the Lindsay democrats, to re-elect Lindsay to the Senate. This they will do if they can. If the Goebelites get the legislature they will return Senator Blackburn. The result, therefore, hinges upon whether Mr. Lindsay's followers are able to elect enough anti-Goebel legislators to hold the balance of power. The reasons we cannot carry the legislature are two; we are handicapped by a holdover democrate majority in the senate, the holdovers being seventeen democrats to two repubbeing seventeen democrats to two republicans, and the state has been besides outrageously gerrymandered. Boyd and Lawrence counties, both republican, for examdemocratic county, with 1,200 voters, is

also allowed one representative. You see, we have no chance in such gerrymandering. There is one congressional district in the state into which a 15,000 republican majority has been piled. If we could only get the legislature once we would upset this, and I am not without hope that we may accomplish this tree teachers. nay accomplish this two years hence, es-pecially if we elect half of the senators to chosen this year, and that is what I think we shall do."

## MR. VON MUMM TAKES LEAVE. Pays a Farewell Call on the Presi-

dent. Secretary Hay today accompanied the German minister, Mr. Von Mumm, to the White House, where the minister exchanged farewell greetings with the President. He is leaving for his new pest at Luxem-bourg, in advance of the arrival here of the German ambassador, Mr. Von Holle

# A BRIEF SESSION TODAY,

The Philippine Commission Will Not The Philippine commission held a brief

session today. It was decided that the commission will continue the work without a recess. Mr. Schurman will leave for Ithaca tonight, to be gone a week, but will take his work with him.

The work of the commission in its final report has been apportioned among the various members so that it can be carried forward by the individuals without the abolute necessity of much consultation for a

week or so.

The meetings of the members who will remain in Washington will continue, however, and every effort will be made to place the final report in the hands of the President as soon as possible.

There are several important matters to be embedied in the final report which early

be embodied in the final report, which could not be touched on in the preliminary state-ment for lack of time and space. Among these is the educational problem and the question of the friars, as well as the other problem of the status of the priests and the established church in the slands under the new dispensation. The commission is not ready to make any state-ment on these subjects, but they will be dealt with in the final report.

# IN THE ADMIRAL'S HOME.

Sword Presented by Congress Taken From Navy Department.

The beautiful begemmed sword presented to Admiral Dewey by Congress was today removed from the office of the Secretary of the Navy, where it has been on public exhibition for the last few weeks, to the residence of the Admiral on Rhode Island avenue, donated by the grateful pople of the republic. The transfer was made at the ersonal request of Admiral Dewey. t is supposed desired to add it to the dec-

# Gave Bond for Appearance.

Charles Watson, Edward Gantt and William Gantt were today arraigned before Judge Scott on the charge of assaulting Officer Gouldman last evening. They asked for a jury trial, and were held to appear

It is stated that a difficulty took place in a bar room on I street northwest, and that as a result the policeman named was called to the scene. He placed the men under arrest, when, it is alleged, he was assaulted, but not hurt. Watson was defended by Mr. Thomas L. Jones and the Gantts by Mr. E. M. Hewlett

# Released From Jail.

In the Orphans' Court today Justice Cole directed that Charles B. Hale be released from fail upon paying the costs of the case in which he has been concerned. It will be remembered that Hale was charged, as guardian of Jusephine Cooper, of making improper use of trust funds in his hands, and last June was committed to jail for contempt, in failing to obey an order of the court directing him to account for

Ineffective Attempt to Ambush Capt. Batson's Scouts.

# LIEUTENANT BOUTELLE WAS KILLED

Maj. Bell Chases the Filipinos Out of Porac.

INSURGENT CAVALRY ROUTED

MANILA, November 3 .- The insurgents attempted to ambush Capt. Batson's scouts between Santiago and Saragossa, but Capt. Batson charged them and drove them out from their position, killing and wounding several of them. One American officer was killed and a private was wounded. Gen. Young's troops are beginning to live on the country, trying Buffalo meat and rice partly in lieu of army rations.

The captures at the Talouera arsenal include thirteen small brass howitzers and

800 one-pound projectiles. Maj. Bell's regiment yesterday advanced rom Guagua on Florida Blanco, which was found to be deserted. Bishop's battalion is stationed there. Mej. Bell also made another descent upon Porac, pursuing the Filipinos thence into the mountains, and capturing their horses and baggage. The American loss was one killed and two wounded. Maj. Bell reports that he en-tirely destroyed the insurgent cavalry that was operating in that section.

#### DRIVING THE FILIPINOS. ien. Otis Reports That the Country is

Being Cleared. General Otis has made the following report to the War Department of recent military operations in the Philippines: "MANILA, November 3, 1899.

'Adjutant General, Washington: "On 1st instant Lieutenant Slavens and eighteen men reconnoitering in Mac-Arthur's front struck forty or more intrenched insurgents. Immediately they at-

tacked and dispersed them, killing three and wounding a number. No casualties. "Yesterday Lawton's advance at Aliaga struck enemy both west and south of the city. Batson's Macabebe scouts reconnoitering south struck the insurgents in ambush. Lieutenant Boutelle was killed, one scout wounded. Batson routed the court wounded by the court was a court wounded. enemy, who left seven dead in the thicket.

"Yesterday Bell, 36th Volunteers, with regiment and a troop of the 4th Cavalry, cleared the country of all armed insurgents from Florida Blanco to a consider-

gents from Florida Blanco to a considerable distance beyond Porac, pursuing them into the mountains, capturing nine of their cavalry horses, several guns, considerable property, killing, wounding and capturing a number of the enemy. The insurgent cavalry of that section is practically destroyed. Ball's casualtee were one man stroyed. Bell's casualties were one man killed and two wounded. OTIS." Second Lieut. Henry M. Boutelle, who was killed by the insurgents, as told in the above dispatch from Gen. Otis, is a son of Capt. Frazier A. Boutelle, a gallant officer of the army on the retired list, and a nephew of Representative Boutelle of Maine. Although his father is a native of New York, young Boutelle was appointed to Although his father is a native of the army from civil life from the state of Washington. He was appointed second lieutenant of the 3d Artillery July 9, 1898, and the next month accompanied his regi-ment to the Philippines, where he served continuously ever since. He was a bright young officer, and gave promise of having a brilliant military career. a brilliant military care

# VALUABLE CARGO OF HEMP.

Brought by British Bark Calburga

From the Philippines. PHILADELPHIA, November 3.—The Brit ish bark Calburga has reached this port from the Philippine Islands with a cargo of hemp after a run of 147 days. The ship encountered the hurricane off Cape Hatteras, where the high seas broke over her with great fury. Sails were blown to tatters, but the vessel managed to keep well off the land and did not suffer serious damage. Despite her long run and fight with fierce storms the owners of the cargo, which consists of 8,200 bales of hemp, found their shipment worth twice what it was when the vessel left Manila, because of the scarcity of hemp, resulting from the war in the Philippines

#### THREW VITRIOL IN RIVAL'S FACE. Vicious Act of a Jealous Husband in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, November 3.-Because he believed Edward H. Platt of this city was attempting to ruin his home, Jay H. Worst of Berwyn, Pa., dashed vitriol in Platt's face, and it is believed the latter will lose the sight of both eyes. During the celebration of the peace jubilee here Platt made the acquaintance of Worst's wife, and when she returned to Berwyn he sent her letters couched in endearing terms. A few days ago Worst found some of these letters and Mrs. Worst admitted that she had received many of a similar character. Whether the woman replied in the same strain has not been explained. Worst brought his wife to this city last night and induced her to accompany him to Platt's boarding house. Platt was summoned to the door, and, without giving him time to explain, Worst threw the vitriol over him and was arrested. At the hospital the physicians today are doubtful whether they

## MR. HOBART RESTING QUIETLY. Little Change in His Condition,

Though He is Weaker. PATERSON, N. J., November 3.-The Vice President was resting quietly this afternoon and was asleep at 2 o'clock. A basket of flowers was received from Mrs. McKinley today, and a letter came from Rear Admiral Schley expressing hope that the Vice President would soon be restored to health.

It was said at Vice President Hobart's house that he had passed another comfortable night. He slept well from about 9:30 last evening until 7 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Hobart did not remain up with her husband last night, but retired early, and nurses watched the patient during the night. They had no occasion to call the physician after 11 o'clock, when he left the Hobart home

Although Mr. Hobart is resting easily, it is admitted that he is gradually growing weaker. His fallure to take nourishment in sufficient quantities is responsible for this

# MR. GODKIN IN POOR HEALTH.

Leaves His Place as Editor of Paper in Consequence. NEW YORK, November 3.-The Evening Post will print the following statement this

afternoon: "In response to numerous inquiries, we regret to announce that Mr. E. L. Godkin has severed his active connection with the Evening Post. It was his intention to do so in any case on the 1st of January next, but the step has been hastened by im-paired health. He will continue to be an occasional editorial

## CLINCHING THE MATTER.



The Philippines Commission's Report Drives Home the Spikes of Sovereignty.

#### CONTRACTOR SHOULD PAY. Cost of Inspection After the Date for

Completing the Work. The controller of the treasury has rendered the following opinion to the Secretary of War regarding dredging in the Potomac

"By your direction I have received a voucher stated in the name of A. M. Clegg channel of Potomac river above Long bridge from April 20, 1898, to September 10, 1890. You ask my decision as to whether the same can now be properly paid.

dates above mentioned 139,705 cubic yards have been dredged, and that for the work experts from abroad, for the reason that payment has heretofore been made for 73,832 yards, leaving 65,873 yards for which no payment has been made. Assuming this statement to be correct, the gross amount due for this 65,873 yards at 10% cents per cubic yard would be \$6,390. Of this amount it is proposed to retain 10 per cent, or \$699.90, leaving a balance of \$6,-299.10. The question to be considered is whether there should be deducted from this balance of \$6,299.10 the total cost of superintendence and inspection incurred by the government between October 1, 1898 (the date fixed in the original contract for the completion of the entire work), and September 10, 1899 (the time up to which the account now before me runs). This cost is stated by Col. Charles J. Allen, in his letter of September 28, 1899, addressed to the hief of engineers, to have been \$1,739.79. I am of opinion that this last mentioned sum should be deducted, which would leave \$4,559.31 now due and payable to Mr. Clegg. Payment is therefore authorized to the extent of \$4,559.31 "

# ANOTHER BID SUBMITTED.

Action of Moran Bros. Referred to the Board of Construction. Moran Bros. of Seattle, Wash., shipbuild ers, have submitted to the Navy De-

partment another bld to take the place of that presented Wednesday for the construction of one of the 3,500-ton cruisers. The firm does this on the theory that Congress intended that at least two of the six vessels should be constructed on the Pacific coast, and, as the Union iron works at San Francisco, the only other bidder on the slope, bid for only one of the ships, the Seattle firm feels that if it reduces its original bid, which was among the highest, to the same figure as that of the San Francisco corporation it should have it considered on even terms. The proposition being irregular has been referred to the board of construction, and the general opinion is that it cannot be entertained without infringing the rights of all the other bidders.

# CASS GILBERT SELECTED.

Senator Platt's Fight on the Architect Was Unavailing.

Secretary Gage today confirmed the selection of Cass Gilbert as architect of the new customs house building in New York, and declined to grant the request of Senator Platt and certain New York architects that a new commission be appointed to again pass upon the matter.

Mr. Gilbert will at once enter upon the work of preparing for the erection of the customs house building. The plans are to be altered to suit the Treasury Depart-

# AUTHORIZED TO PAY.

Decisions Rendered for Secretary Brackett of Exposition Commission. The controller of the treasury has ren-

lered two decisions to Maj. Fred. Brackett, the secretary and disbursing agent of the commission to the Paris exposition. first of the decisions is of considerable interest. Maj. Brackett inquires if he is authorized to pay \$485.90 in premiums on insurance policies on the buildings constructed at the Paris exposition by the United States, and on some of the exhibits to be made. The controller states that it has never been the policy of the United States to insure any of its buildings, but that there is no law preventing such insurance, and that, when an appropriation is available for the purpose, he does not see how the insurance can be prevented The other matter Maj. Brackett inquires

about is whether he is authorized to pay for certain instruments to be used in pre-paring an exhibit of the weather bureau at the Paris exposition. The controller decides that inasmuch as the exhibit is part of that to be made by the Department of Agriculture, it can be paid.

#### CONSULS ASKED FOR FACTS. Nothing Known Here About Drowning of Engineers in Nicaragua.

In response to numerous inquiries in regard to the expedition engaged in making arrangements for the survey of the Nica ragua canal, several of whom were re cently reported to have been drowned in Nicaragua, Secretary Hay has called upon the United States consuls at Managua and Greytown for a report of the facts, they being instructed particularly to give names and details in case any of the party were drowned.

At the hearquarters of the isthmian caal commission nothing has been heard of the reported drowning of Engineer White and other members of an engineering party at Machuca Falls, Nicaragua.

#### LAW NOT VIOLATED. Expert Pen Toolmakers Imported to Teach Others.

Mr. Powderly, commissioner general of immigration, has requested the discontinuance of proceedings against the C. Howard Hunt Pen Manufacturing Cempany of Camden, N. J., for alleged violation of the provisions of the alien contract labor laws for \$5,284.02 for dredging in the Virginia in bringing six expert pen toolmakers from England.

The pen company built a factory in Camden, which is calculated to furnish employment to from 300 to 500 workmen, but "The voucher shows that between the it was found that before the works could be operated it would be necessary to get so competent men could be secured in the United States, after continued attempts had been made to do so.

The person originally entering complaint in this case was the employe of a rival concern desirous of avoiding competition, and was himself unable to furnish infor-mation which would lead to securing the ecessary skilled labor to start operating

# the plant. It has been determined that the pen company was entitled to bring in the six men in question under the proviso of the act of February 26, 1885, which permits such importations of skilled labor for the purpose desired which cannot otherwise be obtained.

THE FLOOR SAGGED.

ases of Documents at the White

House Moved. The increasing weight of file and docament desks and cases in the executive offices at the White House caused a slight sagging of the floor, which was at once inrestigated by Col. Bingham and Secretary Porter, with the result that it was deided to remove some of the cases and their

#### contents to other portions of the house. APPEAL TAKEN.

Question as to Signatures to Application for Liquor License

On behalf of the estate of James A. Brown, deceased, and the owners of a large block of the property on 6th street opposite the Pennsylvania railroad depot, Attorney Wilton J. Lambert today filed with the District Commissioners an appeal from a decision of the assessor for the District to the effect that the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company is a necessary signer to liquor license applications in that vicinity. This part of the city has proved, it is said, to be a popular and lucrative location for hotels and restaurants, and it is claimed that the railroad company has recently adopted a policy antagonistic to these inerests in such matters.

Mr. Lambert, in his appeal, discusses and cites the law at length, stating that the place in question has for many years borne place in question has for many years borne an excellent reputation, but that by reason of the death of the proprietor, in August last, the law requires the consent again in writing of a majority of owners and res-idents keeping house on the same and op-posite sides of the square. In pursuance of this, Mr. Lambert states,

such consent was obtained from those on the same side of the square, but as the railroad depot occupies the entire block op-posite, and the land is owned by the United States government, he contends that no signature from the company is necessary. The reilroad company, he states, was permitted by an act of Congress passed in 1872 to erect its depot upon the reservation upon condition that it pay taxes upon the same to the District, such revenue to be used to support the public schools. It be-ing conceded that no ownership exists it is contended by him that the company cannot be considered a resident, keeping he and that therefore the consent required by the assessor is neither requisite nor proper. It is understood the matter will be referred by the Commissioners to the attor-ney for the District for an opinion, after which a hearing will probably be given the interested parties.

# RESULTS OF ACCIDENTS.

Two Men injured on Pennsylvania Avenue Last Night.

Edward L. Fuller, a resident of Chicago, nad a full while attempting to board an electric car near the Peace monument last night about 11:30 o'clock, and was so painfully hurt that he had to be given hospital treatment. A policeman who happened to be near summoned the patrol wagon and had Fuller removed to the Casualty Hospital and Dispensary, on Delaware avenue. While his injuries are painful, no serious results are anticipated.

Three hours before this accident happened William Weyman, fifty-five years age, was knocked down by car No. 211 Pennsylvania avenue between 3d and 41/2 streets, and slightly injured. He was taken to the temporary home for soldiers on Missouri avenue.

#### SERGEANT ESTES RESIGNS. Police Official Expects Commission in the Volunteer Army.

Sergt. Charles C. Estes of the police department has placed his resignation in the hands of the police officials, to take effect upon his receiving a commission in the army. During the war in Cuba Sergt. Estes organized a company of immunes, and went to the front. It is now his intention to go to the Philippines. He has gone to New York, confidently believing he will get a commission. in the steamship company.

# STORM ON THE LAKES

A LIBERAL EDUCATION.

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tising columns of The Star amply repay the most care-

ful perusal.

Many Vessels Seek Shelter in Harbor of Chicago.

WRECK OF THE YACHT CHIQUITA

Believed That All Aboard Have Been Drowned.

OWNER DEAD IN RIGGING

CHICAGO, November 3 .- The northeast gale which has been raging for over fortyeight hours and brought the first snow of the season to this locality still sticks. Life savers at various lake points have been kept busy watching for and aiding vessels in distress. The following vessels were reported as being in trouble at various points; Schooner William H Dunham two-master, ashore near St. Joseph, Mich.; steamer, name unknown, ashore on Tin Shoals, near Bois Blane Island; schooner Kate Lyons, from Cheboygan to Chicago, laden with lumber, stranded near Cathead; schooner Eigh, bound for Chicago, put in

at Milwaukee leaking badly. The fleet of sheltered vessels in Chicago harbor last night was reported as greatly increased. Over 240 boats have been reported in shelter during the last two days, which makes an unusually large list.

### Schooner Yacht Wrecked.

The schooner rigged yacht Chiquita, with dead man, supposed to be D. S. Way. the owner and captain, lashed to the rigging, went ashore in the gale, three miles east of Miller's Station, Ind. It is believed that all the crew and passengers perished. Garments found in the cabin indicated that at least one woman was among the unfor-tunate party on the yacht. Where the vessel belonged was not ascertained last night, but it was thought it was from some Michigan port. The dead man lashed to the rigging was

apparently fifty years old. On his left tem-ple was a deep cut, caused probably by a falling spar. The name, D. S. Way, was found on a number of papers and effects in the cabin, and also on the silverware. In the cabin was found a complete wardrobe, and the opinion was that the owner was washed away. In the cabin there was a fully-confored

amateur photographer's outfit, and among other things a large number of pictures. The supplies had been bought in Charle-voix, Mich.

The Chiquita was first seen by a fisher-

man who lives on the shore a mile from Miller's, as he was looking for driftwood in the morning. At that time he saw three of the crew on the deck. A squad from the South Chicago life savers are patrolling the beach in search of the missing bodies CHARLEVOIX, Mich., November 3 .- The schooner yacht Chiquita, which was wrecked near Miller's Landing, Ind., yesterday, left here two weeks ago. Aboard were D. S. Way, his wife, and a young man ramed Rollin Frazine. They were enroute to Florida. Way formerly salled vessels on the lakes, but of late years had been a

#### ng photographer. CHARGES KURTZ WITH TREASON. Ohio State Journal Says He is Work-

ing for McLean.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. COLUMBUS, Ohio, November 3.-The State Journal, central organ of the republicans and ardent supporter of Senator Hanna, openly charges that Charles L. Kurtz, Charles Gerrish and J. L. Hampton are not only operating with John R. McLean in the campaign, but are handling his money here and in other parts of the

Gerrish is a prominent anti-Hanna repubican, and as a result of the anti-Hanna combination in January, 1898, was elected clerk of the house of representatives at the hands of the fusion party. He still holds the position. Hampton is executive clerk in the office of Governor Bushnell.

The Journal closes a long article on this matter and the use of money in the campaign. It seems to contemplate the election of McLean by this means, and closes with the assertion that if elected Mr. McLean will not take his seat as governor, as abundant evidence of corruption in his di-rection has been obtained.

Col. J. H. Brigham, assistant secretary of agriculture, has highly incensed the friends of Gov. Bushnell by the interview friends of Gov. Bushnell by the interview published in republican newspapers last evening, in which he declared that Judge Nash need not apologize for the letter he wrote to Gov. Bushnell in January, 1898, resigning the trusteeship of a state hospital. Gov. Bushnell richly deserved all he gut from Nash in that letter, said Col. Brig-ham. Col. Dick had been apologizing to Gov. Bushnell's friends for this letter and Gov. Bushnell's friends for this letter pursuing a conciliatory policy toward that faction, with apparently good results, so far as the interests of the republican ticket is concerned, but this interview starts the trouble all over again. Gov. Bushnell has refused to take notice of Colonel Brigham's

## TWO KILLED, ONE INJURED, Locomotive Boiler Explodes on Le-

high Valley Road. TOWANDA, Pa., November 3.-Two men were instantly killed and another fatally injured last night by the explosion of a Lehigh Valley railroad locomotive near Wyalusing, a short distance from here. The dead are Fireman Eugene Deegan and Brakeman Warren Robinson. The Injured man is Daniel Georgea, engineer. The locomotive was rented by the Lehigh Val-ley company. It was blown to pieces.

#### Traffic was blocked for five hours. STOLE \$6,000 IN GOLD.

Negro Porter Makes Big Haul From Express Company. NEW YORK, November 3,-George W.

Birchett, a colored porter employed by the Adams Express Company, was arraigned in the police court today and held for trial on a charge of stealing a money bag containing \$6,000 in gold from the com-pany's office on Saturday last. Birchett confessed the theft, and said he had taken the gold out of the company's office in a bundle of wood.

#### WILL LEAVE SAN FRANCISCO. Headquarters of Pacific Steamship Company Going to Seattle.

SAN FRANCISCO, November 3.—The Call

says that on January 1 San Francisco will cease to be the shipping and general business center of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, and all the local interests of that concern will be moved to Seattle. Although no public announcement of the fact has yet been made, it has become known that Goodal. Perkins & Co., which firm has been for years the company's agents and managers, have been deprived of the agency, and are closing up their books as rapidly as possible, in order that the formal transfer of the business may take place on

or before the appointed date. The change is due to the fact that the Great Northern Railway Company, with headquarters in Seattle, has secured a controlling interest